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NEWSY NEWS

by Ralph F. Cummings

The members who were in arrears have responded very good, and I thank them very much, sorry I had to put a notice in the November issues, but I couldn't help myself.

In the Nov. 30th issue of the Boston American, I see where there's a fellow from Santa Fe, N. Mex., who claims he is the real "Billy the Kid," age 91 years old. Says another outlaw was killed in his place way back in 1881. First it's "Jesse James," now it's "Billy the Kid." Who next?

Pat Mulhall and John T. McIntyre both sent in information on Ed LeBlanc's article on Rare Old Novels in November issue, Irish Ten Cent Novels. Pat says the story took place 5 miles from his home in Kilkenny, Ireland, and written by a Kilkenny man named Michael Banim, originally A.D. 1825.

John McIntyre says the book was an old Irish novel called "Crohoare of the Billhook," and written by Michael Banim. Published by Duffy in Dublin in 1825. Michael Banim also wrote "The Ghost Hunter," and "The Mayor of Windgah," and was a brother to John Banim, who also wrote novels.

F. Farwell Johnson says he'll trade Alger books for "Boys With Old Hickory," and "Tecumseh's Young Braves," by E. T. Tomlinson. Farwell's sister passed away a short time ago, at the age of 75. Farwell goes to the hospital clinic every so often for checking.

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